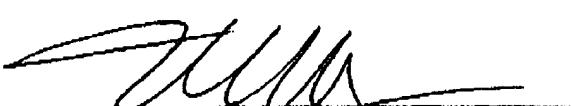
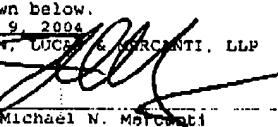


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Applicant(s): GREENWALD, Richard B., et al.					
Serial No. 09/823,296	Filing Date March 29, 2001	Examiner DESAI, Anand U.		Group Art Unit 1653	
Invention: TERMINALLY-BRANCHED POLYMERIC LINKERS CONTAINING EXTENSION MOIETIES AND POLYMERIC CONJUGATES CONTAINING THE SAME					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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